THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): Procurement of wheat and paddy by the public procurement agencies, including the Food Corporation of India, in Punjab and Haryana under price support operations takes place when farmers are unable to obtain better prices in the market than the support prices fixed by the Government. The traders and millers are able to buy more paddy during the current season as they are offering the farmers a price higher than the support price. In the case of wheat, the purchases of the traders are insignificant.

सरकारी क्वार्टरों में बरामदों का कवर किया जाना

2494. **श्री रामचन्द्र विकल :** क्या शहरी विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि केन्द्रीय लोक निर्माण विभाग, नयी दिल्ली के अधीक्षक इंजीनियर दिल्ली केन्द्रीय परिमण्डल सं0 VI ने अपने 23 जून, 1986 के ज्ञापन सं० 23/18/दि० के० परि० 14/86/3182 द्वारा कुछ सरकारी क्वार्टरों में बरामदों को कवर करने के लिए प्रशासनिक अनुमोदन तथा वित्तीय स्वीकृति दी थी ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो कितने क्वार्टरों के लिए यह मंजूरी दी गई है ;

(ग) प्रत्येक मण्डल में कितने क्वार्टरों में यह कार्य पूरा कर दिया गया हैं ;

(घ) क्या कुछ क्वार्टरों में कार्य अभी तक शुरू नहीं किया गया है; यदि हां, तो ऐसे क्वार्टरों का मण्डलवार ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ङ) क्या सरकार शेष क्वार्टरों में यह काय शीघ्र ही पूरा करने का विचार रखती है, यदि हां, तो कब तक; और

(च) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

शहरी विकास मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री दलबीर सिंह) : (क) से (च) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है तथा सभा पटल पर रख दी जायगी ।

Mayors as 'First Citizen'

2495. SHRI RAM AWADESH SINGH

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a demand has recently been made for recognition of Mayors as 'first citizens' by the All India Council of Mayors;

(b) whether Government are also aware of the resolution passed by the said Council expressing its concern regarding the supersession of 50 per cent Municipal Corporations in the country;

(c) whether concern has also been expressed by the said Council at withholding elections; and

(d) if so, what action Central Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No resoultion to this effort was passed by the Executive Committee of All India Council of Mayors at the meeting held in New Delhi on 15th and 16th October, 1986.

(b) to (d) It had come to the notice of the Central Government that in a number of Municipalities and Corporations, elections were not held for quite some time.

A resolution has been passed in the recently concluded 23rd Meeting of the